

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1307**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Buchanan**

February 27, 2009

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An act to amend Section 125001 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to newborn screening, and making an appropriation thereof.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1307, as introduced, Buchanan. Newborn genetic screening.

Existing law requires that the State Department of Public Health establish a statewide program for the screening of newborns for specified genetic disorders, including tandem mass spectrometry screening for fatty acid oxidation, amino acid, and organic acid disorders and congenital adrenal hyperplasia. Existing law creates the Genetic Disease Testing Fund in the State Treasury, which is used to fund the newborn screening program.

This bill would, instead, require the statewide screening program to include all conditions recommended by the American College of Medical Genetics as of January 1, 2010. Because this bill would expand the purposes of the screening program it constitutes an appropriation.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 125001 of the Health and Safety Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 125001. (a) The department shall establish a program for the
- 4 development, provision, and evaluation of genetic disease testing,

1 and may provide laboratory testing facilities or make grants to,  
2 contract with, or make payments to, any laboratory that it deems  
3 qualified and cost-effective to conduct testing or with any  
4 metabolic specialty clinic to provide necessary treatment with  
5 qualified specialists. The program shall provide genetic screening  
6 and followup services for persons who have the screening.

7 (b) The department shall expand statewide screening of  
8 newborns to include ~~tandem mass spectrometry screening for fatty~~  
9 ~~acid oxidation, amino acid, and organic acid disorders and~~  
10 ~~congenital adrenal hyperplasia~~ *all conditions recommended by the*  
11 *American College of Medical Genetics as of January 1, 2010*, as  
12 soon as possible. The department shall provide information with  
13 respect to these disorders and available testing resources to all  
14 women receiving prenatal care and to all women admitted to a  
15 hospital for delivery. If the department is unable to provide this  
16 statewide screening by August 1, 2005, the department shall  
17 temporarily obtain these testing services through a competitive  
18 bid process from one or more public or private laboratories that  
19 meet the department's requirements for testing, quality assurance,  
20 and reporting. If the department determines that contracting for  
21 these services is more cost-effective, and meets the other  
22 requirements of this chapter, than purchasing the tandem mass  
23 spectrometry equipment themselves, the department shall contract  
24 with one or more public or private laboratories.

25 (c) The department shall report to the Legislature regarding the  
26 progress of the program on or before July 1, 2006. The report shall  
27 include the costs for screening, followup, and treatment as  
28 compared to costs and morbidity averted for each condition tested  
29 for in the program.